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SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1866.

PRICE TWOPENCE.



Mr. C. M. Bond's b c Musketeer, 4 yrs, 1st 7lb ... Mr. Bond
 Betting: 7 to 4 on Arkansas. Won by three lengths.
 The PAGER WELTER CUP (Handicap), value 100 sovs, by subscription

two counties been brought together. The sports will be resumed at white
suntide.

Athletic Sports.

APRIL.

- 14.—Ariel, Corsair, and Nautilus Clubs Sports.
28.—Eastern Counties Cricket Club Athletic Sports.
3.—University College, London, Athletic Sports, Waltham Green.
7.—Shedfield Football Club—Open Athletic Sports.
12.—City Amateur Athletic Club—Open race.
16.—German Gymnasium—Grand Assault at Arms.
19.—London Athletic Club—Open Meeting.
22.—Wanlock Olympian Society—Annual Meeting.
28.—London Athletic Club—250 yards Challenge Cup.

JULY.

- 11, 12.—National Olympian Association—First Annual Festival.
28.—London Athletic Club—Two-mile walking match Challenge Cup.

NATIONAL OLYMPIAN ASSOCIATION.

We have received the following provisional programme of the first meeting of this association, which is fixed to take place on Wednesday and Thursday, July 11 and 12.

Committee: D. F. Atcherley, late high sheriff, Shropshire; W. Harley Bailey, banker, Shrewsbury; W. P. Brookes, J.P., President of the Wenlock Olympian Society; W. J. Clement, M.P., Shrewsbury; W. Field, Captain Artillery Volunteers, Shrewsbury; J. Garner, M.H.C.S., Birmingham; S. R. Graves, M.P., Liverpool; Thomas Hughes, M.P., Lambeth; John Hulley, Gymnasiarch, Liverpool; Ambrose Lee, Mechanics Institution, Gymnastic Society, Manchester; J. B. Lee, Athletic Club, Liverpool; W. Mitchell, Fearn's Hall, near Manchester; R. J. Moore, M.P., South Shropshire; Robert Munn, J.P., late Colonel 3rd Rifle Brigade, Manchester; J. T. Murray, London; Thomas Phillips, Shrewsbury; E. G. Ravenstein, President of the German Gymnastic Society, London; A. G. Sheriff, M.P., Worcester; John Slaney, Wellington; Thos. Southam, Mayor of Shrewsbury. With power to add to their number.

The National Olympian Association has been established to encourage and reward skill and strength in manly exercises by the award of medals or other prizes, money excepted, at general meetings, to be held annually and in rotation in or near one of the principal cities or towns of Great Britain. It will also pay homage to mental excellence by electing, from time to time, as honorary members persons who have distinguished themselves in literature, art, or science, or who have proved themselves benefactors to mankind.

The association is to form a centre of union for the different gymnastic, athletic, and similar societies throughout the kingdom.

A congress of delegates will be held in connection with the annual meeting, and it will be the duty of this congress to elect a committee, frame rules, or alter the same as may be required, decide upon the place of the next meeting, &c.

The association will publish a year-book. Amongst the contents of the year-book for 1866 will be found a full account of the first meeting, illustrated; a directory of societies in union with the association, together with abstracts of their annual reports; results of the principal athletic competitions held throughout the year; a description of some of the principal gymnasia, illustrated.

The funds required to carry out the objects of the association are to be raised in the following manner:—Clubs and societies in union pay £1 annually, and 10s. additionally for every 100 members beyond the first hundred.

Members of clubs and societies in union are entitled to compete without paying entries; they select a proportion of the delegates, and enjoy other advantages not accorded to the general public.

Members of the association pay an annual subscription of 5s. and upwards. They receive a transferable ticket for a reserved seat for each amount of 5s. they subscribe, elect part of the members of the congress, and enjoy other privileges not accorded to the public. Subscribers of 10s. and upwards receive a copy of the year-book.

PROGRAMME OF THE FIRST MEETING.

LONDON, 1866.

Wednesday, July 11.—Gymnastic display by members of the German Gymnastic Society, at the Gymnasium, King's Cross, from 7 1/2 to 9 1/2 p.m. (at the request of the committee).

Thursday, July 12.—11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m., gymnastic festival, including competitions, mass exercises, squad practice at apparatus, &c. The exercises of competition will be as follows:

- General competition (12 silver medals).—High leap, long leap, running half a mile, putting 36-pounder, climbing a rope.
- Volunteers' competition (6 silver and 6 bronze medals).—Open to volunteers only.—One mile at the double (in 10 minutes), followed by a 440 yards foot race, carrying arms and 30 rounds.
- General competition for gentlemen over 50 (4 silver and 4 bronze medals).—High leap, 200 yards race, putting 36-pounder, climbing a rope.
- Competitions in special exercises (16 silver and 28 bronze medals).—High leap, long leap, pole leaping, 200 yards race, half-mile race, one mile race, two mile race, half mile hurdle race, three-quarters of a mile stoopchase, putting 36-pounder, throwing the javelin (at a target 20 yards), climbing the rope, vaulting.
- Antagonistic exercises (7 silver and 14 bronze medals).—Wrestling, boxing, sabre against sabre, sabre against bayonet, bayonet against bayonet.
- It has also been proposed to have a swimming race on Wednesday, the 11th.

The competitions are open to all comers except professional athletes. Entries.—Associates and members pay none, others 5s. for each general competition (A and C), and 2s. 6d. for each of the competitions included under B or E. The volunteers' competition (D) is free. The judges are empowered to reduce the number of medals when there are less than four competitors for each, but they can also add to them should the number of competitors and their achievements warrant it.

Gentlemen taking part in the general competitions share in the prizes awarded for special exercises, in as far as these latter form part of the general competitions.

Competitors successful in more than one competition receive nevertheless but one medal (two bronze medals entitle to one silver), and in addition to it some appropriate art prizes, &c.

Each medal will be accompanied by a certificate setting forth the competitor's achievements.

Portraits of the winners of silver medals will be published in the year-book.

G. Three prizes will be awarded to the writers of the three best gymnastic songs, popular in style, and adapted to music. The songs must be sent in on or before July 1. The envelope containing the song must bear a motto. A second envelope, bearing the same motto, must contain name, address, and photographic portrait of the author. Competent judges will be appointed by the committee of the association.

Fuller particulars with respect to the competitions will be published. Thursday, July 12.—7 p.m., distribution of prizes, and address by the president of the association; 8 p.m., banquet, to which victors will be invited.

Friday, July 13.—12 noon, meeting of delegates; 8 p.m., grand concert, directed by Mr. Benedict; admission, 10s., 5s., and 2s. Associates and members receive tickets at half these prices.

Saturday, July 14.—Pic-nic to Dorking and Leith Hill. A full prospectus will be issued to the public in the beginning of next month, and the committee hope to be able to announce by that time the accession of many fresh societies and subscribers. The societies at present in union with the association have an aggregate of 2,800 members.—By order of the Committee.—E. G. Ravenstein, Director of Exercises and Hon. Treasurer.—London, March, 1866.

VICTORIA UNITED CLUB ATHLETIC SPORTS AT BOW.

SATURDAY, March 7.—The Prince of Wales Grounds, Bow, was well attended by the members and the friends of the above club, who

This latter race most appropriately wound up a good afternoon's sport, and the company retired highly gratified at the whole of the proceedings.

THE CLIFTON CRICKET CLUB SPORTS.

On Saturday last, a meeting for athletic sports was held at the Zoological Gardens, under the management of the Clifton Cricket Club, and in which other clubs of the neighbourhood warmly co-operated. The stewards were Messrs. H. M. Dayrell, Albert Hall, H. Fedden, W. Trotman, R. St. John Hall, P. P. Thomas, secretary, and T. Elliott, of the Gymnasium, umpire. Prizes to the value of £50 or £40 were offered for competition. The first race of the day was the flat race of one mile, in which the splendid performance of Dayrell was watched with intense interest and gratification by every lover of sport on the ground. Dropping into the fourth or fifth place next the rails at the start, he allowed Phillips and Lonsdowne to lead at their own pace (the pace being rather slow) till the ninth lap, when he challenged his opponents, and joined issue with Phillips, passing him in the tenth lap. He had been reserving himself for the last round, and when about a third of the distance from home, he put on a magnificent spurt, and increasing his advantage at every stride, he ran in at a clipping pace, amidst the most hearty plaudits. The first event on the card was:—

A Hurdle Race, 200 Yards, 10 flights.—Nine contested. G. Grace, (the well-known cricketer), 1; R. Lemon, 2. Time, 32 seconds.
Flat Race, 100 Yards.—Ten started. T. G. Matthews, Stoke Bishop 1; F. Golwin, Oakfield, 2.

Throwing the Hammer, 16lb.—Ten contested. A. F. Walton, Stoke Bishop 51ft 6in, 2; Time 12 1/2.
Clifton, 52ft 4in, 1; W. Easton, Stoke Bishop 51ft 6in, 2. Time 12 1/2.

Walking Race, One Mile.—Ten started. Adams, 1; Weston, Oakfield, 2. Time, 9min 15sec.
Throwing the Cricket Ball.—Gilbert Grace, 105yds, 2; 6in, 1; Dayrell, Oakfield, 2. Time, 62sec.

Batley, 80yds, 2; Easton, 79yds, 3.
High Jump.—Walton, 5ft, 1; Bailey, 4ft 10in, 2.

Flat Race, Quarter Mile.—Seven contested. Gilbert Grace, 1; Dayrell, Oakfield, 2. Time, 62sec.
Long Jump.—Walton, 15ft 4in, 1; Darling, 15ft 2in, 2; L. moon 15ft, 3.

Flat Race, One Mile.—Eight started. Dayrell, 1; Phillips, 2; Lloyd, 3. Time, 5min 45sec.
Sack Race, 100 Yards.—Ablett, 1.

All Comers Race, 300 Yards.—Fourteen competitors. Gilbert Grace, 1; R. Hall, 2. Time, 12sec.

EASTERN COUNTIES CRICKET CLUB ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The annual athletic meeting of the Eastern Counties Cricket Club will be held on the club ground on Saturday, April 28, when the following programme will be observed:—3.0 p.m., Throwing the Ball (two prizes); 3.15, Running Long Jump (two); 3.30, Hurdle Race, 350 Yards, over 12 Hurdles, handicap (two); 3.45, 120 Yards Flat Race, in heats, first heat, handicap (three); 3.55, Ditto, second heat, ditto; 4.5, Ditto, third heat, ditto; 4.15, Hurdle Race, 350 Yards, over 12 Hurdles, handicap (two); 4.30, Running High Jump (two); 4.45, One Mile Flat Race, handicap (three); 5.0, 100 Yards Wheelbarrow Race, blindfold (three); 5.10, 400 Yards Flat Race, handicap (two); 5.35, 120 Yards Flat Race, handicap (two); 5.40, 200 Yards Flat Race, for 3rd Essex Artillery in full marching order, handicap (two); 5.50, 200 Yards Flat Race, for E.C.C. Junior Cricket Club, handicap (two); 6.0, 120 Yards Handicap Final Heat, first in each heat; 6.10, Wheel Race, Half a Mile (two); 6.20, Sack Race, round a post 40 yards and back (three). Correct cards of the races and entries can be had on the ground.

ARIEL, CORSAIR, AND NAUTILUS ROWING CLUBS.

These sports will take place at Beaufort House, Waltham Green (by kind permission of Lord Ransburgh), on Saturday, April 14, when prizes will be given for the following races:—Viz., 100 Yards Flat Race, Quarter of a Mile Flat Race, One Mile Flat Race, Two Miles Walk, High Jump, Long Jump, 200 Yards over ten flights of hurdles; open to all members of the three clubs, whether effective or honorary; 220 Yards Handicap, open to members of the Universities, the Civil Service, public schools, and recognised amateur rowing and athletic clubs.

The gentlemen residing in the parish of Bradninch and the neighbourhood of East Devon, with scarcely an exception, kindly subscribed to be competed for by the parishioners, and the sports came off on Saturday. Being quite a novelty they occasioned a great deal of excitement. The programme included a 200 yds flat race, a mile race, a half mile (for boys under 15 years of age), a hurdle race, and a stoopchase. At the mile race, which was well contested, especially the stoopchase, for which there were nine starters; the race resulted in favour of F. Lake, W. Jacobs being a good second, and T. Mardon, third. All ran extremely well. The hurdle race, over ten flights, placed 20 yards apart, occasioned much amusement, for the hurdles being somewhat stiff and in some cases the competitors fell over frequent and headlong. Several gentlemen took active and successful part in some of the races. The intervals between the races were well filled up by breaking the "pitcher" and other amusements. The clergyman of the parish was on the grounds in company with a number of ladies and gentlemen. It is to be hoped that before long such sports will cease to be a novelty in this part of Devon, is fast dying out. Cricket is gaining ground but slowly, and there exists scarcely an outdoor amusement to rival the attractions of the ale house. Why does not every town, every parish, and every volunteer corps have its annual athletic sports?

ATHLETIC CLUB AT BIRMINGHAM.—The formation of a society in Birmingham for the practice of athletic exercises which was mooted some months ago, but afterwards laid aside, has been revived, and matters put in a satisfactory train to insure its ultimate success. A preliminary meeting of its promoters was held at the Mutual Institute on Friday last; Col. Mason filled the chair, and proposed that a club to be called the Birmingham Athletic Club should be formed. This having been seconded by Mr. C. E. Matthews was carried unanimously. It was next proposed by Mr. Clement Davies that a provisional committee be appointed to consider the desirability of establishing a gymnasium, the formation of a code of laws, and the conditions on which members should be admitted. This resolution



MR. BAUM, the well-known Proprietor of the Hackney Wick Grounds.

held their athletic meeting—another society founded upon the excellent establishment of the Saturday half-holiday movement. The programme was a lengthy one, but all was got through in admirable style. Mr. Preston was the judge, Mr. Matthews the starter, who were aided most efficiently by John Goulding, the manager of the ground. The following is a brief report:—

Race of 100 Yards.—P. Bishop, jun., won very easily before J. G. Le Grys, who was second.

One Mile Race.—There were seven competitors for this contest, and up to half the distance the struggle was well maintained. After this time, however, the race was left to the three placed, C. E. Rainford winning easily at last, and coming in first by thirty yards, F. Richards second, and R. Hardy third.

High Jump.—For this there were three competitors, each being allowed three "tries." E. Matthews won by clearing 4ft 9in. J. G. Le Grys was second, with 4ft 6in.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—The competitors were confined to two throws each, and much excitement was caused, the Bow Grounds being well adapted for witnessing such displays. Jeffcoat won by throwing 83 yards 1 foot; Hardy second, 82 yards 1 foot, only a yard behind.

Quarter of a Mile Race.—Five started, when an excellent contest ended in F. Richards breasting the tape first, F. Bishop being second. Race of 200 Yards.—This also fell to F. Richards, who came in first; F. Bishop again securing second honours; C. Johnson beaten off.

Walking Match of Three Miles.—This affair, which had been expected would prove a first-rate contest, ended in an easy victory for W. W. Rainford; B. Smith was second, and E. Ryder was third, John Goulding, by special desire, acted as referee.

Open Race of 250 Yards.—This proved one of the best races ever witnessed, for T. Wado came in first by a foot only before F. Tilbury, who was second, and only half a yard behind was R. Shepherd for third; not a yard dividing the first three.

tion having been seconded by the Rev. H. R. Peel was adopted, and the following gentlemen named on the committee, with power to add to their number:—Col. Mason, Messrs. C. E. Matthews, A. D. P. Chances, T. Collins, C. Davies, T. H. Gen, T. Lindner, D. Malins, jun., R. F. Martinan, P. Middleton, and the Rev. H. E. Dowson. Mr. Clement Davies accepted the office of secretary, *pro tem*, and the report of the committee will be presented at as early a period as possible.

GOLF.

DUNBAR CLUB.

The members of the Golf Club met on the Links on Saturday last to compete for the Warrender Medal. The day was very favourable for the occasion, and there was a good attendance of the members. Eight couples started for the medal, and went off in the following order:—The Marquis of Bowmont and Mr. A. Cunningham, Mr. F. Cox and Mr. W. Morton, Dr. James and Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Brand and Mr. Notman, Sir T. Hepburn and Mr. Stein, Mr. White and Mr. J. Cunningham, Mr. Hendry and Mr. D. Turnbull, Mr. J. Martin, and Mr. G. Dunlop. After a well-contested round the medal was gained by Mr. F. Cox in 88 strokes. The next in order were Mr. Brand 90, Mr. Morton 91, Mr. White 91, Mr. J. Cunningham 96, Mr. Stein 96, and Mr. Anderson 98. A number of foursomes were afterwards played with much spirit, several of them being keenly contested. A business meeting was held after the competition, the Marquis of Bowmont, president of the club, in the chair. The chairman said that, his term of office having expired, he had much pleasure in proposing Sir Thomas Hepburn as his successor, which was unanimously agreed to. Sir Thomas having returned thanks for the

AQUATICS.

HIGH WATER AT LONDON BRIDGE.

		WORKING.	AFTERNOON.
SATURDAY April 14.....	1 min past 1.....	25 min past 1	2
SUNDAY.....	44 min past 1.....	6 min past 2	
MONDAY.....	29 min past 1.....	59 min past 2	
TUESDAY.....	15 min past 3.....	55 min past 3	
WEDNESDAY.....	56 min past 3.....	19 min past 4	
THURSDAY.....	45 min past 4.....	7 min past 5	
FRIDAY.....	30 min past 6.....	55 min past 5	
SATURDAY.....	20 min past 6.....	48 min past 6	

In calculating the time of High Water at Chelsea, 35 minutes must be added to that given at London Bridge; 50 minutes must be added for Putney; Hammersmith is one hour later; Barnes, 1 hour and 10 minutes; Kew, 1 hour and 30 minutes; and Richmond, 1 hour and 50 minutes later than London Bridge.

FIXTURES FOR 1866.

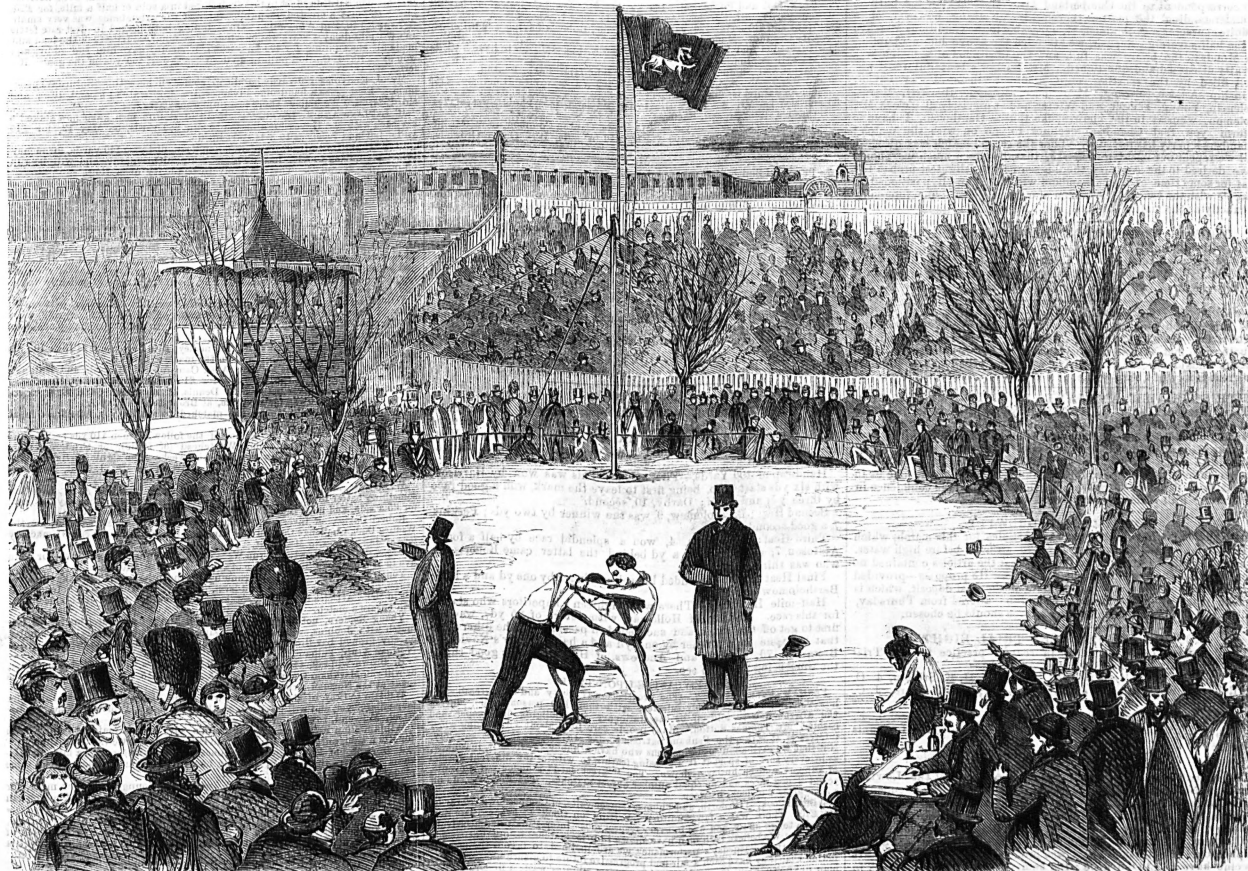
April 14.—West London Rowing Club. Eights. Chiswick to Putney.
April 14.—Boyd and Scudliffe on the Tyne.
April 15.—Burgess and Goddard to row Edwards and Wallinor. Greenwich to Tower, for £10 a side.
April 21.—London Rowing Club. Trial Eights.
April 21.—Victoria Model Yacht Club. 1st Class, 5 p.m.
April 27.—Leander Club. Trial Eights. Putney.
April 28.—London Press Rowing Club. Fours. Chiswick to Putney.
May 2.—London Rowing Club. Eights. Putney.
May 4.—West London Rowing Club. Pairs. Putney to Hammersmith.
May 5.—Metropolitan Rowing Club. Opening Day.
May 6.—Pair-matched Match on the Irwell. Butler and Williamson v. Addy and F. G. Barrell.
May 7.—Temple Yacht Club. Match from Greenhithe to Charlton and back.
May 8.—Southampton Amateur Regatta Club. Opening Cap.

place. Boyd is much the stronger man, but is the senior by a great number of years.

On Saturday evening, a match was made at Mr. Blakey's, Adelaide Hotel, between Thomas Forster and Michael Lamb. A challenge appeared from the former to row either Lamb or young Robert Clasper. The trio attended on Saturday evening, when the following articles were drawn up and a deposit made:—Articles of agreement between Thomas Forster and Michael Lamb, to row a right away sculler's race, from the High Level Bridge to Waterson's Quay, for £10 a side. Forster to receive one boat's length start. As a side is now down in the hands of Mr. W. Blakey, who has to be final stakeholder. To row on the 15th May, 1866, an hour before high water in the afternoon tide. £2 a side is to be made good on Saturday, April 14; £5 a side is to be made good on April 28; and the final deposit of £5 a side is to be made good on the 18th of May. All deposits to be made good between the hours of seven and nine o'clock. To start 25 yards apart. The referee to be chosen on the day of the race, and his decision to be final. Either party not complying with the articles to forfeit the money down.—Signed, Michael Lamb, Thomas Forster.

KELLY AND HAMILL.

The articles for this forthcoming contest have arrived, and certainly a fairer code of laws were never penned. The objection that Hamill is to allow Kelly only a fortnight to know his choice of river can be scarcely an objection to Kelly. Hamill will be entirely estranged to all the likely rivers where a course can be got in England, while Kelly's acquaintance—geographically—must be in his favour, and if Hamill had the power to choose a mill pond, Kelly's proficiency with the scull would for a certainty place him on a level, but this he can-



HACKNEY WICK—DEVON AND CORNWALL WRESTLING.

May 12.—North London Rowing Club. Cutter Fours.
May 12.—Royal London Yacht Club. Opening Cruise, Gravesend, 12 noon.
May 14.—T. Hoare and J. Sadler. Putney to Mortlake, for £100.
May 17.—Norfolk and Suffolk Yacht Club. Opening Cruise.
May 19.—West London Rowing Club. Jun or Scull. Putney to Hammersmith.
May 19.—Royal Thames Yacht Club. Opening cruise, Gravesend, 1.30 p.m.
May 19.—Corsair Rowing Club. Gig Fours.
May 19.—Ariel Rowing Club. Eights. Putney.
May 21.—St. James's United Rowing Club. Opening day.
May 21.—Royal Thames Yacht Club. Channel Match, Nore Light to Dover.
May 21.—Royal London Rowing Club. Fours. Putney.
May 24.—Prince Alfred Yacht Club. Opening cruise.
May 24.—King's College Rowing Club. Junior Fours.
May 24.—Victoria Model Yacht Club. 2nd Class, 5.30 p.m.
May 24.—Royal Thames Yacht Club. 1st and 2nd Classes, Gravesend round the Mouse and return.
May 26.—Raceagh Yacht Club. Opening trip.

The year '66 will figure prominently in the annals of boat-racing, and apparently we are not only to have a profusion of local contests, but the Tyne and the Thames are to be pitted against each other again for the championship, and if all goes right, not the least interesting event will be the great international contest between Kelly and Hamill. The local aquatic horizon is pregnant with contests, and scarcely has the din of our Easter rowing festivities passed away, ere in a few days another contest for £100 will call the wits of the northern patrons of this fine sport into play. The race we allude to is between B. yd, of Gateshead, and Scudliffe, of North Seaton, who will pull their match on Saturday afternoon. As the tide will reach the highest point at 3.50, the race may be expected to take place about three o'clock. Both men are doing good work on the Tyne. Boyd is training from his own domicile at Gateshead, and is attended on by Mr. Hardy of the same locality. Scudliffe is attended on by J. Boyd, of Blyth, his rendezvous being at Mr. H. Clasper's, Clasper Hotel, Scotswood Road. During the week both men have been closely watched in their trials. Boyd will row in a boat built by Jewett, of Dunston, and Scudliffe's skiff, so far as one of Clasper's, and probably the Joseph Cowen, M.P.—the same boat young Winship was defeated in with Taylor—will be his choice, if nothing turns out better. Both men are confident, but as yet little betting has taken

not do so, the articles state the shortest course must be 2½ miles out and in, and as there are few courses eligible that distance for a fair contest that Kelly is not acquainted with, this ought not to be any boggle to certify the match. The only objection to signing the articles seems to be the necessary cash to tie the contract. But as Hamill's friends prefer an old stager to a young aspirant to hold the needful, the articles cannot be definitely settled until these arrangements are made.

THAMES ROWING CLUB.

This club mustered in considerable force at Putney on Saturday last, the opening day of the season, and although the afternoon was anything but inviting for a paddle on the river, a flotilla, consisting of two eights, two fours, six pairs, and a sculler or two, started from the club boathouse and rowed up to Barnes, where they formed in procession and returned to Putney.

At the meeting held at their club room at the Red Lion later in the evening, the following new members were elected:—Messrs. W. O. Cross, 29A, St. Augustine-road, Camden-square; Jas. A. Roby, 32, Marquis-road, Canonbury; Alan Baily, 31, The Cedars, Putney; E. Hitchcock, 3, St. Paul's; A. Tisley, 6, Gough-square; Captain Irvine, 55, Moorgate-street; A. Cowie, 7, Cornhill; H. Thorburn, 11, Langton-place, Brixton; G. Nice, 88, Cannon-street West; S. Kelley, 7, Aldermanbury; J. H. Hall, 29, Bedford-street; R. Woodward, Armadale-lodge, Camberwell; F. W. Tarring, 23, Charles-street, W.; T. S. Raven, Armadale-lodge, Camberwell;—Heslop, 34, Old Change; F. Stuckey, 51, Lombard-street;—Larard, 7, Stockwell-terrace, S.; W. H. Taylor, 1, Clyde-vale, Upper Sydenham; W. Somerville, East India Avenue; E. Scott, 29, Threlknot-street; J. W. Bennett, jun., 1, The Cedars, Putney; W. N. Bennett, 1, The Cedars, Putney; A. Grubb, 52, St. Martin's-lane; J. Lewis, 19, St. George's-street, Southwark; W. Main, 11, New Broad-street;—Kellett, 2, St. Paul's; A. Ward, Aryle-lodge, West Brompton; E. F. Paul, 5, Douglas-road, Canonbury; J. N. Cole, 79, Swanton-street, Gray's Inn-road; and T. F. Curtis, 3, Denmark-vale, Putney. A few gentlemen were also proposed for election at the next meeting.

The captain expressed himself highly pleased with the prospects of the club for the ensuing season, and he hoped that as Wednesday in each week was a special day for meeting at Putney for rowing, the new

honour, Mr. Stein proposed a vote of thanks to the Marquis of Bowmont, which was heartily accorded. The club numbers nearly 60 members, and is in a very flourishing condition.

REVIEW.

John Lillywhite's *Cricketer's Companion*. A Guide to the Young Cricketer for 1866. London: published by John Lillywhite, Cricket Warehouse, 10, Seymour-street, Euston-square, N.W.

This is the second year of publication of this very useful little handbook of cricket, which now boasts the patronage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Every frequenter of Lord's during the past season must have been greatly pleased and gratified to notice how often lately the Prince is put in an appearance there to witness the most important matches. It is doubly gratifying now to learn that he has thoroughly identified himself with the game by allowing his name to stand permanently as patronising the valuable cricketing annual. To John Lillywhite the condescension must be particularly encouraging, and must prove a satisfactory guarantee to him that by the publication of his first number, and his carefully abstaining from damaging comments of every description therein, he has now earned the patronage of royalty.

The introductory lessons on the different branches of the game are made more lengthy and instructive; and especially in the matter of wicket-keeping is the observable. In this particular Lillywhite has kept faith with his subscribers, to whom he promised greater attention to this all important part of the game. The illustration of Tom Lockyer is, however, anything but happy, and we are certain that Tom's mother "wouldn't know him" from his portrait. The "cut" is well done, and represents Richard Duff in a "striking attitude," while for position for the on-and-off drive we have Lillywhite himself—a man who in his palmy days was never surpassed in these two accomplishments.

Mr. Infelix has contributed a chapter on cricket on the continent, which doubtless will be read with much interest by those enterprising adventurers who carried the cricketing standard across the channel, and old friends of the "Mosses." The doings of the Eleans and full descriptions of nearly all colleges and schools are given; and a great deal of novel and interesting matter concerning Scotland and Ireland, where the game is fast taking permanent root. In the description of the professionals, in addition to their qualifications we have in most instances their ages, place of birth, height, and weight. The whole reflects great credit on the compiler and printer, and is a work which no cricketer who feels sure should be without. The price is the extremely modest one of one shilling, and the hints upon the game and rules relative to it are alone worth that sum of money.

cial or temporary, but permanent and complete. They are as mild as they are efficacious, and may be given with confidence to delicate females and young children.

"JOHN ROBERTS, Champion of England."



BOB TRAVERS, the Well-known Pugilist and Sporting Publican.



JEM DILLON, another of Nat Langham's Celebrated Men.

Provincial Theatricals.

[NOTICE.—Correspondents are requested to send their contributions by Thursday morning at latest.]

QUEEN'S THEATRE.—A new drama, entitled "The Legend of St. Mark," has been produced here, introducing the celebrated Irish actor and vocalist Mr. Gardiner Coyne, and the house has been crowded nightly.

ALEXANDRA MUSIC HALL.—The Misses Gunniss and the corps de ballet, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nash, Mr. Magilton, Mr. Dunbar, Miss Bloo, Clara and Victoria Entwistle, Misses Gifford and Gifford, Mr. and Mrs. Gifford, Mr. and Mrs. Gifford, Mrs. Swale, and Messrs. Cooper and Brewer, make an excellent evening's entertainment, which has been well attended.

THE MAJESTY OF THE LAW.—A gathering of some 2,000 or 3,000 people had resorted to the Hendon Beach, at Newcastle, on Wednesday night for the purpose of witnessing a pugilistic encounter, was dispersed by two police constables before the affair had been completed. The officers charged the crowd in gallant style, and succeeded in capturing one of the combatants, who was stripped of the buff, as well as a ring-leader.

CRICKET. ON BOWLING AND FIELDING.

The division of bowling into round-hand and under-hand as *genera*, and fast, slow, and medium pace as *species*, is more true as a matter of history than of fact. Underhand bowling is almost extinct. Mr. Drake among amateurs, and Tinsley among professionals are unique; but there is literally no one to hand down the traditions of that old-fashioned underhand bowling, which I think, might be reproduced with advantage. The things called "loba" are not deserving of the slightest notice, and thus my remarks may be restricted to round-hand bowling. And here again is another limitation: for fast bowling of this kind also is rapidly dying out. Tarrant still keeps up his wonderful speed, and, as a general rule, favours him, manages to bowl with a destructive "break;" but Jackson, Griffith, and Willsher have all moderated their pace, and the younger school, A. Shaw, James Lillywhite, and the like have never attempted pace at all. The reason for this change is that experience and observation have taught people that pace is of very little importance compared with pitch and precision,—and that fast bowling is, as a general rule, much easier to play than slow, and much more productive of runs. If these undoubted truths apply to professionals, much more will they hold good for amateurs, and no one can deny that of all bad amateur bowlers (whose name is legion), the fastest are the worst. I will accordingly confine my observations to a few of the most successful and most judicious bowlers in present circumstances, are worthy of study. The former of these two styles is shown to perfection by James Lillywhite. I cannot conceive a more excellent model for any one who aspires to be a bowler. His ease of action and delivery which enables him to bowl as well at the end of a long day as at the beginning; his wonderful accuracy, and his power of deceiving the batsman by raising or lowering his arm, and appearing to vary the length of the ball, while all the time a uniform pitch is maintained, and the only thing that varies is the curve described before the ball pitches,—these are some of the qualities that make his bowling second to none at the present day. A. Shaw also is another well worth imitating; and, in general, take for your model a bowler who has no marked peculiarities, and no singularity of action and delivery, however much his own success may be increased thereby. Grundy and Wootton are in the very first class of bowlers; but it would be ridiculous to imitate either Grundy's low delivery or Wootton's high one. Peculiarities of delivery very often puzzle the batsman, but they cannot be taught. Every bowler must invent his own for himself. Mr. W. S. Norton, a very successful amateur bowler, owes a great deal of his success to his remarkable delivery. You never know when the ball is coming. His fingers, wrist, elbow, and arm twist and twirl about so that your eyes are quite dazzled. Last of all comes the ball, which you fail to see. The worst of this sort of style, however, is that it is difficult to keep up. It is all extra exertion to the bowler, and his tires under it; whereas Mr. R. D. Walker, with his easy unassuming action, goes on, and goes on, and will not be denied. It is the greatest fallacy to imagine that straight bowling is the best. The consciousness of his powers will now and then make him forget the duty of defence. To a man with a strong defence and straight ball bowl off the wicket, first to one side then to the other. Fly out on which side he hits most weakly. A slicker very seldom hits to more than one or two places. I have seen nearly the whole field moved over to the on-side and disordered between short-leg and mid-on for a first-rate defensive bat whose weak point was there. The bowler had confidence in his command over the ball, and secured his man in a short time.

This is the skill and science of cricket, as of every other encounter requiring the exercise of judgment—to take advantage of an adversary's weakness. Bowling down a good man's middle stump (after he has made 60 perhaps) is more brute force and very often more luck. But with proper judgment, and sufficient ability to act thereon, I believe that very few innings would exceed 20, and the balance of the game would be much more equally maintained. I assume, of course, that fair chances are taken; and I may say, by the way, that I incline to the opinion that after three palpable chances a man should be "out." To return to bowling. When a man bends his legs much in playing onward, bowl at them continually. You will be sure to get a cannon off them before long. Observe him who repeatedly steps out of his ground, and bowl for the wicket-keeper. A full pitch is a very good thing occasionally, particularly for a steady man, and when it is the last ball of a good over. Besides a pitched-up is not so bad as a short-pitched ball. Long-hops are the sin of bowlers for which there is no forgiveness. Lastly (but what bowler ever attended to this?) don't go on when your bowling does not pay; and don't consider the friend who suggests a change as your greatest enemy. This is particularly applicable to slow bowlers, of whom there are many good examples among amateurs, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Maitland, and Captain Arkwright, for instance. The bowling may be excellent, but things may not come off. The field may be lazy, the wicket-keeper out of form, the batsman may go in for neck or nothing, and with a run of his own luck. Slows are no good then; for they depend only partially on their own excellence, and require more than any other bowling, the co-operation of a ready and intelligent field.

The first thing necessary to make a good field is a good captain. Otherwise they are like a body without a head. For they require to be constantly moved. Every fresh bowler and every fresh batsman involves an additional labour in the placing the field; and this should always be done silently, by a motion of the hand. A man who will not move in the field without being shouted at is only fit for trap, bat and ball. On the other hand, a captain must not worry the field, or move them to gratify his own caprices. "Will you be good enough, sir," said a captain once to me, "to be at an angle of forty-five degrees between the gentleman who is batting and the gentleman who is standing 'point'?" While I was wondering by what possible

change of position I could make myself into an angle, and drawing imaginary lines to determine my *focals*, the ball was of a sudden out with much sharpness, and, being unprepared to catch it, I was hit violently in the pit of my stomach. No doubt the captain considered me a very *obtus* angle. After all, a good fieldsmen does not want very much captaining. His own judgment will tell him to go out for this man, to come in for that one; to play fine at one time, and square at another; and a good captain will never interfere with this discretionary power. Avoid gallery-felling; using one hand instead of two may bring down a round of cheers, but all good judges exorcise it. Never mind if you miss a catch, or if you miss fielding a hit. You have tried your best; but don't stand still after the miss. Run as hard as you can after the ball, and don't, because you have lost two runs already, lose two more.

A man who will not run hard in the field, particularly after missing a chance deserves to have the Eumenides after him in full cry. Never make excuses, for nobody believes them. In vain may you protest that the sun was in your eye, that a fly flew into your eye, that your eyelashes got into your eye, that your foot slipped, that the ball spun so, old fellow, I saw it turn a foot in the air, just as I was ready to catch it. It is of no good. I have heard these reasons before to-day. "*Quodcumque ostendit mihi sic* [k of hearing such] *incredulus ed.*" No, don't make a double mull of yourself. Call yourself all the unparliamentary and improper names you can think of, and determine that you will not do the like again.

One word about throwing. Good fielding is of no use without accurate throwing. The general fault is that, as with the screw stroke at billiards, you put on too much. You see men five yards from the wicket keeper hurling with all their might, and then not even at his

some kind, or else professional billiard-playing and the public-room trade will eventually go to the dogs. Indeed, we are informed that one of the competitors proposed that the recent game for the championship should progress minus the second man so as to enable him to modern billiard matches—the "roaring force" of Umpire Umpire, and Both v. The Referee, and All Three v. The Players; but his opponent, it appears, preferred to follow in the wake of tradition, and hence the Joseph Surface of the American billiard world appeared for the ninety-seventh time in the same role, "which he has made exclusively his own." The *Billiard Cue* has at length taken the subject in hand, and in the March number slashes right and left at the system, while in vague yet sufficiently comprehensible language it raps the knuckles of some of the "sweet-scented geraniums," as our lively contributor Sulky would call them, who have distinguished themselves in the umpire's chair. Their cue is just beginning to perceive the abuses to which the office of umpire is liable—they are just beginning to comprehend that an unprincipled or "first-class" umpire can, under favorable circumstances, rob an opposing player of three or four counts in the course of a game of 1,500 points; and we very much question if henceforth anybody will be permitted to officiate as umpire in any important billiard match which may be played in this city. We question, also, if even the most unblushing of these standing umpires will care to act as such when language as plain as this from the *Billiard Cue* shall appear more frequently in print:

Umpires having ceased to be judges, or arbiters, it is about time this much-abused office was abolished. If it is to be maintained as at present, cues may as well be given those who fill it, for nowadays umpires frequently play almost as much of the game as the contestants themselves. In eight cases out of ten, they are chosen for their extreme partisanship, and without regard to any special qualification. They are in no sense umpires—who, according to Webster, "are persons to whose decision a question between parties in controversy is referred." Once in their chair, instead of forming, along with the person they have jointly chosen a council of three for the consideration and adjustment of disagreements between the players, they take upon themselves to do things which no more come within range of their duties than marking the game does, and, ignoring all fact and equity, urge or resist pleas as earnestly as though they were the most palpable kind. What course does the "opposing umpire" pursue in nine cases out of ten? Though satisfied in his own mind that the play was foul, he maintains that it was not foul. If pushed to the wall, he will argue, in attempted extenuation of his course, either that he was put in office to see that the player obtained all that he should declare himself entitled to, or else that the player was possibly that he (the umpire) might have been mistaken, and that, after all, the shot was not foul. Frequently, these anomalous umpires wax hot in argument, and gratefully venge themselves on the audience, always more or less partisan, take up the jeopardized cause of their respective favourites with increased ardour, and grow even more demonstrative than their models, who are playing tooth and nail to puzzle the referee. The result of this is that the auditorium becomes largely turbulent, and finally trembles with excitement, which, being epidemic after a while reaches the players, and for a time—more generally for the remainder of the contest, as, once worked up, the spectators are certain to remain so, induces some change in the game, and best under the circumstances the ultimate result—they are unfit for the business they have undertaken, which pre-eminently demands a cool head and a stout heart.

Aside from the fact that the rules of the game expressly forbid it, there is no more reason that an umpire should point out irregularities of play, than that he should suggest to the players what stroke they had best under the circumstances, against playing with the wrong ball—or, indeed, take the cue in hand himself, and play a difficult shot or two whenever he fancies that either opponent is unequal to the emergency. All this is the player's business—it is a part of the contest. To see that he himself is allowed every shot he makes, and receives credit therefore upon the "string," is no more essential than for him to see that his opponent gets nothing but what is a due. Moreover, saying to rely solely upon himself, to will be more vigilant; and, at the worst, should be fall to detect an irregularity in the play of his opponent, and be informed of his remissness after the game is over, he will be more watchful on the next occasion—especially if he has been beaten.

Usually, and it is almost invariably the case with professional players, the contestants see every foul shot, etc., and forget to tell it; yet, the umpires put in twice as many claims, and we have seen upward of twenty charges of "foul," in a game of 1,500 points, where not more than three or four were justifiable. It may be set down as a rule that fully one-third of the claims which emanate from umpires are groundless; and when such is the fact, who can estimate the effect upon the player in whose behalf they were presented? He naturally thinks that something wrong has been done, though he did not see it, and should two or three successive decisions be against him, he concludes that the referee is either biased or incompetent, and perhaps both—if not, then that "luck is against him," and on the side of his assumed error. If the referee sees the stroke, he knows what kind of a one it was, and can proclaim it at once; if he did not see it, or having seen it, does not know wherein it violated the rules, he is not



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hands, that were bad enough; but they throw at his head, his stomach, his shins, or his boots. How many an easy run out is thus lost, how many a promising wicket-keeper is thus ruined! And this arises simply from a fieldsmen being in such a hurry, that he cannot look. He dashes in, picks the ball up, and sends it he knows not where. You don't want a man who can throw 110 yards; you want a man who can throw coolly and with accuracy fifteen or twenty yards into the wicket-keeper's hands, and for longer distances send him an easy first bound. In fact, in this as in every other department of the game, you do not want brute force; you want moderate power judiciously used. This is the essence of cricket, this is its moral also.—*Land and Water.*

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Altogether, billiard umpires have come to be a nuisance, and should be extracted. Apart from the reasons already given for the abolishment of the office, there is another. Umpires talk too much. There is no need of any talk whatsoever, further than to say "Foul," "No foul," "No count," "Count," &c. Argument is wholly superfluous and there is even no need to state to the referee the nature of the assumed error. If the referee sees the stroke, he knows what kind of a one it was, and can proclaim it at once; if he did not see it, or having seen it, does not know wherein it violated the rules, he is not

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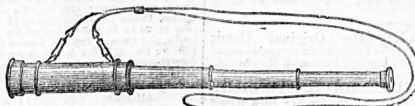
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